

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:*

[0026] The extension and retraction of the manipulator forks 20, 22 is preferably operated by a thumb wheel 34 in the handle portion 30, the thumb wheel being slidable within a track 36 to provide the longitudinal extension and retraction of the manipulator forks and ~~[[form]]~~ fork arms and the thumb wheel being rotatable to obtain the desired rotation thereof. In a preferred embodiment, as described further below, a thumb wheel 34 is provided for control of a first manipulator fork 20 and a second thumb wheel 34' is provided for controlling a second manipulator fork 22.